

# Medicaid Schools



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### **Coming Soon...**

**New sample form: parental consent to bill Medicaid**

## **Indiana Completes First Year of School-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming**

In its first 12 months Indiana-MAC, the new state-wide school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming program, allowed participating public school corporations, charter and state schools to recover \$2.5 million in new, unrestricted federal funds. Eighty-eight Indiana LEAs participated in the program for one or more quarters of Federal Fiscal Year 2012 (Oct 1, 2011 - Sept 30, 2012).

IndianaMAC lets participating public schools claim federal matching funds for a portion of the costs to help students and families address unmet medical needs. MAC-reimbursable costs (state/locally funded salary and benefits) include school staff time devoted to

activities such as organizing health fairs, referring students to health care service providers, arranging for students to receive on-site or community-based health care, informing and helping families apply for public health coverage benefits (including related translation services) and arranging transportation or translation needed to access covered health care services.

The semi-annual report of Medicaid reimbursements per LEA now includes MAC recoveries in addition to those for Medicaid-covered IEP services. See full details at <http://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/individualized-learning/school-corp-medicaid-report-pdf>.

## **Tool Kit Update: LEA Input Welcomed**

The latest Medicaid Billing Tool Kit update includes recent program changes that affect school-based Medicaid claiming such as updated psych billing codes, Part B "parental consent to bill" and Medicaid provider screening and enrollment requirements. The 13th Edition Tool Kit also reflects feedback, questions and clarification requests from Medicaid-participating school districts and their medical billing agents. Examples of Tool Kit changes

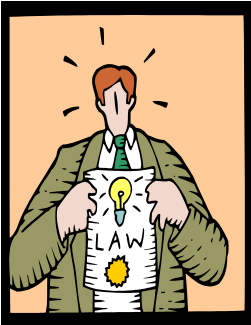
prompted by LEA input include additional details, resources and references to existing guidance (in the Tool Kit or Medicaid Billing Guidebook) on topics ranging from student Medicaid eligibility and private insurance verification to the federal mandate requiring all Medicaid providers to disclose their managing individual's SSN. IDOE welcomes your suggestions for improving the Medicaid Billing Tool Kit; please send them to [tbrunner@doe.in.gov](mailto:tbrunner@doe.in.gov).

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### **Did you know?**

- As of 2/28/13, 138 Indiana LEAs claim Medicaid reimbursement for IEP services.
- As of 2/28/13, 91 Indiana LEAs participate in Medicaid Admin Claiming ("MAC") for school-based activities to help students/families access health care services and coverage benefits.
- Local districts decide how to use federal Medicaid funds they receive for IEP services and Medicaid Admin activities.



Additional details are included in "Across the Nation" on Page 3 of this newsletter.

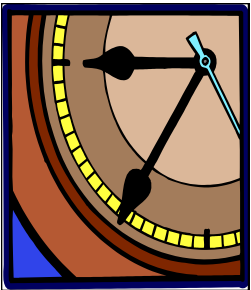
## U.S.DOE Changes Consent to Bill Medicaid Regulation

Beginning March 18, 2013, school districts across the country will no longer be required to obtain multiple signed consents to bill Medicaid for IEP services. The U.S. Department of Education's recent change to the Part B "Parental Consent to Bill Medicaid regulation" requires school districts to obtain written consent ONE TIME, after giving prior written notice of the parents'/students' rights and ensuring that families receive annual written notification of their rights regarding

the consent to bill Medicaid. The change is intended to ease undue administrative burdens for students, families and schools. Additional guidance from U.S. DOE is anticipated now that the new rule is published [view the final reg at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-02-14/pdf/2013-03443.pdf>.]

Although Indiana's Special Education rule [511 IAC 7] still echoes more restrictive language from the previous federal regulation, which required

more frequent parental consent to bill Medicaid, IDOE staff are working with stakeholders across the country to furnish updated guidance, sample forms and suggested language that comply with the new federal regulation. In the meantime, Indiana schools may continue to use the language provided in the sample consent form at Medicaid Billing Tool Kit Appendix F when giving prior written notice and obtaining signed consent to bill Medicaid for services in a student's IEP.



## RMTS User Guide and other Online IndianaMAC Resources

A Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) User Guide is available on Public Consulting Group's IndianaMAC RMTS Web site. This and other IndianaMAC resources for participating school districts, charter and state schools are

listed in the Medicaid in Schools Community's Files & Bookmarks Tab on the IDOE Learning Connection. Click the *IndianaMAC* folder, then *Sample Forms for Local Use*, then "A List of IndianaMAC Tools..." to find resources and

more on IndianaMAC systems and processes. This list also includes resources for school staff who perform MAC-reimbursable activities, such as helping students and families access health care services and coverage benefits.

## Federal Mandates May Impact IEP Services Reimbursements

Public school corporations that enrolled prior to 2012 were recently required to revalidate their state-mandated [IC 12-15-1-16] Medicaid provider enrollments per new federal requirements. School corporations that did not comply were disenrolled and cannot claim Medicaid reimbursement for IEP services provided during the period between their terminated and any new Medicaid provider enrollment. See [Chapter 4 of the Medicaid/IHCP Provider Manual](#) at the [www.indianamedicaid.com](http://www.indianamedicaid.com) Web site.

Another federally mandated Medicaid provider enrollment requirement also has the potential to preclude payment for certain IEP services otherwise covered by Medicaid: beginning with service dates on and after 10/12/2012, Medicaid can only pay for nursing, therapy and psych services ordered, prescribed or referred by a Medicaid-enrolled provider. ***This new requirement will NOT affect most IEP services*** because an employee of the Medicaid-enrolled school corporation typically writes the order, pre-

scription or referral for the IEP service. However, if a practitioner outside the school (such as the student's doctor) writes the referral for an IEP service, then Medicaid will pay for that service only if the "outside" Ordering, Prescribing or Referring ("OPR") provider is Medicaid-enrolled. See more information, helpful tips and referral form samples in the latest [Medicaid Billing Tool Kit](#); and read Indiana Medicaid provider bulletin [BT201220](#) (click **BULLETINS** under **NEWS, BULLETINS & BANNERS** at <http://provider.indianamedicaid.com>).



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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.



### Conference Connections — Medicaid & Special Education

**National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) — October 8-11, 2013**  
**Grand Rapids, Michigan**  
<http://medicaidforeducation.org/>

**Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education, Fall ICASE — September 26 & 27, 2013**  
<http://www.icaso.org/>

### Across the Nation

Hoosiers recently made national news coverage of school-based Medicaid claiming-related issues.

A February *Education Week* article about the revised federal "parental consent to bill Medicaid" regulation quoted IDOE special education consultant John Hill, in his role as Governmental Affairs Committee Chair of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME). Together with NAME and other national associations, the Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education (ICASE), the Arc of Indiana (a non-profit that advocates for individuals with developmental disabilities) and the Indiana Resource Center for Families with Special Needs (IN\*SOURCE) contributed comments to help the U.S. Department of Education

better understand the impact of the former Medicaid consent regulation on school staff, families and local education budgets.

In online pupil transportation industry news, *School Bus Fleet* described how the brain child of Kevin McGuire, Michigan City Area Schools (MCAS), is expected to improve Medicaid documentation and reimbursements for IEP transportation services while increasing security and mitigating liability risks. According to the article, McGuire, who is Director of Instructional Technology at MCAS, came up with the idea for his student attendance tracking application as a way to simplify documentation for Medicaid-paid Individualized Education Program transportation services.